portfolio investment, covering two and a half times the amount of maturing debt obligations in the next twelve months and one and a half times the stock of short term debt and cumulative inflows of portfolio investment. India submitted, *inter alia*, that there were different ways of measuring reserve adequacy and highlighted that one method was to ensure that short term debt and portfolio stock should not exceed 60% of reserves and incremental short term debt and portfolio liabilities should be accompanied by equivalent increases in reserves.

Nomination of SC/ST Officers sent abroad for Training

799. SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government nominate/depute Officers to Foreign Institutions for training/ higher studies for improving managerial/ administrative/technical skill and capabilities in Administration / Management at the cost of the public exchequer;

(b) if so, the year-wise number of officers sent abroad for both the short-term and long-term training courses abroad from the Ministry of Industry during the last five years;

(c) the number of offices belonging to SC/ST category among such officers sent abroad for the said training; and

(d) the reasons, if adequate number of SC/ST officers are not nominated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry nominates officers for programmes/ seminars/symposia etc. organised by certain international bodies suc as Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and Asian Productivity Organization (APO). These programmes are fully funded through the host agencies and no costs accrue to the public exchequer.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.